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## Anti-porn coalition to protest X-rated movie

by Sheri Prasso  
Assoc. News Editor

A coalition of feminists, religious leaders and concerned students will stage an anti-pornography demonstration during the annual Program Board-sponsored X-rated film.

The movie, *Insatiable*, and protest will be Thursday at 7, 9 and 11 p.m. in the Marvin Center Ballroom.

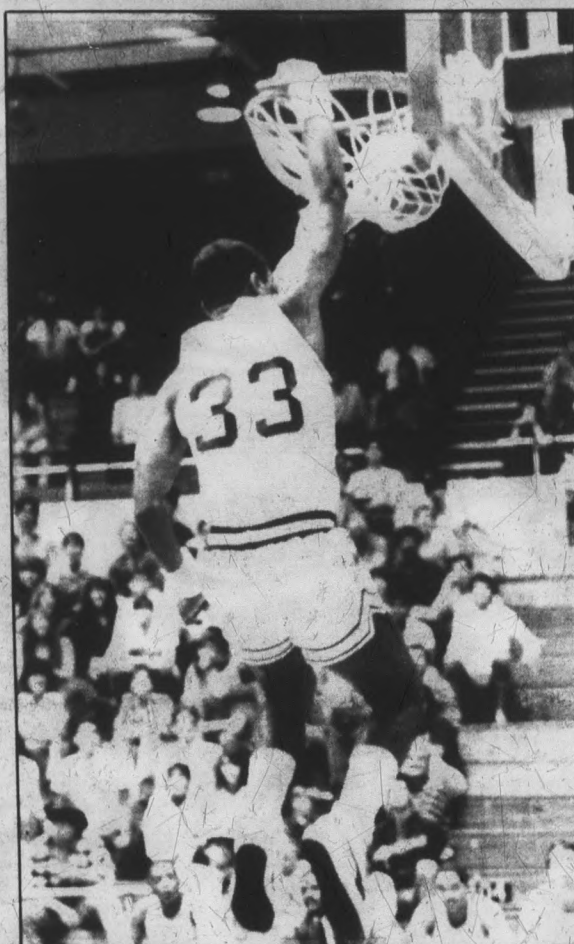
"They [protesters] will be dressed in black, mourning the loss of dignity, loss of life and suffering" that has resulted from pornography," said Rabbi Gerald Serotta, a member of GW's Board of Chaplains.

Serotta added that the "mourning" may go on inside as well as outside the ballroom. Participants in the Coalition Against Pornography (CAP), which are expected to number 20 or more, will pass out information about the effects of pornography. They will not actively stop people from entering the movie, but "if moral force stops people from going in, it will be a wonderful outcome," Serotta said.

"They have a right to protest but if they disrupt the film, I will be really disappointed," said Program Board Chairman Frank Farricker, adding that a disruption of the movie violates students' rights.

The Program Board is sponsoring the X-rated film but is also co-sponsoring with Womynspace and the Board of Chaplains a film entitled "Not A Love Story." The movie, to be shown in the Marvin Center Ballroom Wednesday at 8 p.m. is a graphic representation of the effects of violent pornography on women. It will be followed by a discussion on how pornography affects relationships between women and men.

Jeff Goldstein, films chairman of the Program Board, said there is a market for at least one X-rated film a year at GW. "We try to show films people want to see and people do want to see this type of film," he said. "They think it's a kick to see once in a while or they're curious and see the protesting and it draws more people. It gives people a chance to decide if they like it. Maybe they'll join the protest next year or maybe they'll decide it wasn't so bad and go back."



Brian Butler slams home two points in John Kuester's GW coaching debut. See story page 24.

## GW to Slav prof: Drop dead

by Jim Clarke  
News Editor

Columbian College Dean Clara Lovett said the University will not offer a "tenure track" position to Slavic Department Associate Professor Richard Robin because it lacks the "resources" to support another full-time professor in that department.

"At my level, I have to make certain priorities," Lovett said in an interview Friday. "For me, right now, it is very much a question of trying to put the resources to serve the largest populations which right now are the English and Mathematics departments."

A tenure track position gives a professor the opportunity to stay at GW until he is given a tenured position. Robin, who has been with the Slavic Department since 1981, is on a one-year contract.

Robin said he will be forced to leave the University after this academic year but he is not worried about finding another job. "I think I'm going to be able to find a job. My biggest disappointment is that this is the kind of department that I wanted to work in and suddenly the door has been slammed in my face," he said.

Robin is one of eight people in the country—outside of the State

Department—who is qualified to test students of Russian in an Oral Proficiency Exam. Irene Thompson, another Slavic Department professor, is also qualified to give this test.

Robin, who teaches Russian Historical Grammar, Russian Phonology, and advanced courses in language training, programmed the department's personal computer to work in both the English alphabet and the Cyrillic alphabet. He said his major achievement in the past three years was developing an "intensive third-year course so that we wouldn't lose our best students to Georgetown [University] and Middlebury College [in Vermont]."

"I thought that GW had made room to do some very serious work in teaching language, actually teaching someone how to communicate in the language. Our department has the reputation now of being one of the best on the East Coast and I like to think that I had something to do with that," Robin said.

He said the Slavic Department needs another full-time professor because enrollment has gone from approximately 200 to 300 students in the past two years while the number of full-time professors has dropped from seven to five.

## SLS advises students on used cars

This legal column is provided by the Washington Student Legal Services Program (SLS). In the continuing series of periodic SLS articles, students have been informed about their rights in renting apartments and joining health clubs. The following column addresses a subject that will be important to almost all students at some point—buying a used car.

Often one of the biggest consumer purchases a student will make is buying a new or used car. New cars come complete with manufacturer's and dealer warranties. However, used cars are often bought "as is." Similarly, used car dealers have become the brunt of jokes making fun of their sales techniques and quality control. "Buyer beware" has become a cliché in the area of buying a used car.

In response to a widely-perceived need for regulation to protect the used car buyer, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recently instituted a "Used Car Rule." The rule requires posting of a "Buyer's Guide" sticker in the window of each used car being sold by a dealer. It does not cover used cars sold by private individuals such as a car advertised in the local paper.

The rule applies to any car driven more than

the distance to a dealership or to test drive it, including demonstration cars. This means sales of passenger cars as well as light duty trucks and vans must abide by the rule. Motorcycles are exempt from these FTC requirements.

In the Buyer's Guide, the guidelines include:  
● Whether the vehicle comes with a warranty or "as is." If a warranty is included, the Guide must describe what kind of warranty.

● A statement that the vehicle should be inspected by a mechanic before you buy it.

● A statement that you should get all promises in writing; and

● Identification of some of the major problem areas that may occur in any car.

What does it mean if a vehicle is sold "as is?"

The phrase "as is" means that if you encounter any problems with your car, the problems are your responsibility, not the seller's. It is important to remember that the District of Columbia does not allow "as is" sales of used cars. In D.C., the cars come with implied warranties. An implied warranty is a warranty that applies even though it has not specifically been made, verbally or in writing, by the seller. A common implied warranty is

the warranty of merchantability. This warranty promises that a used car will perform the basic functions that you would expect it to perform—that is, run.

Can a buyer get the dealer to include more warranties with the used car than are initially included on the Buyer's Guide? Yes, a buyer can negotiate with the dealer to include more warranties; however, any verbal promises by the dealer must be written into the final sales contract for the car and into the Buyer's Guide.

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## Newsbriefs

"Harvest of Peace," a film about members of the International Work Brigades working in Nicaragua, will be shown tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. in room 411 of the Marvin Center. There will also be a speaker from the Washington Area Nicaragua Information Committee. The event is sponsored by the Progressive Student Union. For more information, call 265-3800.

GW Voices for a Free South Africa will be conducting a can-

dlelight vigil Wednesday night at 5:10 in front of Rice Hall. For more information on the vigil, whose purpose will be to show support for black Africans in South Africa, call David Goldstein at 676-7692.

The College Republicans and the Program Board will sponsor "The Other Side," a lecture and question-and-answer period with officials from the Soviet Embassy, Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. in room 103 of Building C.

Congressman Manuel Lujan, Jr. (R-N. Mex.) will speak on "Capitol Hill Career Opportunities for Liberal Arts Graduates" Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. in room A-114 of the Smith Hall of Art in the Academic Center. The event, which is sponsored by the Student Support Committee of the Columbian College Alumni Association, will be followed by a wine and cheese reception. For more information, call Julie Mangis at 676-6130.

## Frat, sorority members raise \$700 for charity

Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and Alpha Omega sorority raised almost \$700 for Muscular Dystrophy earlier this month and members of the organizations will present a check for that amount to the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation on national television next year.

The money was raised at a Halloween party held on Nov. 2 and co-sponsored by the two

groups. It is expected to be presented on national TV during the annual Labor Day Telethon that raises money to fight the disease, according to Phi Sigma Kappa member Paul Elman.

The party drew approximately 300 people. "With everything, we were definitely satisfied with it," said Elman. "We were very pleased."

-Scott Smith



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# Director defends budget at tuition forum

by Sue Sutter  
Hatchet Staff Writer

GW Director of the Budget Robert D. Shoup defended the proposed University budget for 1986-87 at a budget forum Wednesday night in the Marvin Center.

Forty people attended the forum which was designed to give students the opportunity to question GW administrators about the proposed budget and the reasons behind the included tuition increase. The crowd total was an increase over last year's figure of 15 students.

The 1986-87 budget calls for a 9.8 percent tuition hike for undergraduates and an 8 percent increase for law students. The proposal also includes a six percent increase in salaries and wages and a related increase of 17 to 18 percent in fringe benefits. The budget calls for an expected surplus of \$820,000 which would be used to reduce GW's \$6 million deficit.

Shoup attributed the proposed tuition increase largely to greater-than-expected expenses for this year and less-than-expected revenues from Universi-



GW administration officials and GWUSA executives field questions at Wednesday's budget forum.

ty investment properties, particularly 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue. "The University expense budget for the current year is \$3 million higher than what was originally submitted to the Board

of Trustees in January," Shoup said.

"Tuition might not have gone up as much as we are proposing had the investment properties paid off. Between the time that

the budget for the current year was submitted to the Board in January and our current estimate, there has been a sizable decrease in the estimated amount of net income from investment properties, and that is largely due to competition for 2000 Penn. The building filled much more slowly than what had been originally anticipated, and it will be some time before we realize the full net-income potential in the operating budget from that building," he added.

Many students at the forum protested and blamed the proposed tuition hike on investment failures and the University using it as a way to help reduce the deficit. "Operating deficit has nothing to do with investment properties at all," replied Shoup.

He said that two years ago, the original call for the proposed budget was for a \$2 million surplus which has now been lowered to \$820,000. "If we had kept that line we would not have been able to stay under the 10 percent tuition increase," he added.

"Investments are one of the pressures increasing the tuition

rate but it is not the only one," Shoup said. He listed increased telephone bills and the leasing of Riverside Towers as two added pressures to the deficit.

"The University telephone bill grew by about a \$500,000 during the 1984-1985 period. This had not been built into the current '85-'86 budget," he said. "The telecommunications office tells us we should budget for another half-million dollar increase." Shoup attributed another \$1 million to the acquisition and annual payment on the lease of Riverside Towers.

Shoup discussed the proposed increase of \$700,000 to the general student aid fund. "The corresponding increased percentage of that aid will be the same as the various tuition rate increases," Shoup said. "We always increase the basic student aid by the same percentage the tuition goes up for that period."

He also talked about a \$500,000 increase in student aid grants. "This will be the fourth year that the University has added a half-million dollars to the special fund of student aid grants," he said.

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## THE LOST YEARS OF JESUS

Where was he between the ages of 13 and 29? Ancient scrolls reveal that Jesus spent many years of his youth in the orient where he was both student and teacher. Jesus' unknown life as an Eastern saint in Persia, India and Tibet has been brought to light in the brilliant new book entitled **The Lost Years of Jesus**, written by Elizabeth Clare Prophet. The evidence as assembled in this book and others concerning the Lost Years will be discussed in a multimedia presentation throughout November and December. Please call 882-1900 for location and place. All lectures start at 7:30pm.

## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

### MEETINGS

**11/18:** Progressive Student Union holds meeting. Marvin Center 420, 8:30 pm.

**11/18:** Dept. of Classics meets every Monday for informal reading of Augustine's *Confessions* in Latin. Bring your lunch if you like. Bldg. 0-102A, 12:30pm.

**11/18:** Judo club meets, and welcomes everyone, every Monday Wednesday and Thursday. Smith Center 303-304, 8pm. For more info call X7683.

**11/18:** Gelman Library sponsors A. K. Jakubowski, Aerospace and Ocean Engineering, VA Polytech, interviewing interested students. Marvin Center 409, 9am-4pm.

**11/18:** English Dept. sponsors Lore Segal, well known author and translator, speaking on writing. Lisner Hall 404, 4:30.

**11/18:** Student Orientation staff holds a general meeting to discuss fundraising and January orientation. All members encouraged to attend. Marvin Center 409, 9pm.

**11/18:** Psi Chi Psychology Honor Society sponsors Scott James speaking on Psychics & Police Investigations. Marvin Center 411, 7:30 pm.

**11/18:** American Studies Program presents a Pre-Registration Open House with refreshments for all students interested in American Civ. for Spring '86. Bldg. P-201, 4-6pm.

**11/19:** GW Voices for a Free South Africa meets every Tuesday. BPU Office, 2127 G St. 5:30pm. For

more info call x6434.

**11/19:** Hillel holds Basic Conversational Hebrew Group. Learn useful vocabulary and practice speaking. Marvin Center 410, 7pm.

**11/19:** Eastern Orthodox Club meets every Tuesday to have lunch and discuss theology, university life, personal counsel, etc. Marvin Center, 1st floor cafeteria, 12 noon.

**11/19:** Beta Alpha Psi sponsors Deloitte, Haskins & Sells speaking on Interpersonal Communications. Marvin Center 403, 7:30pm.

**11/19:** Dance Programs sponsors Choo-San Goh, of the Washington Ballet, speaking on The Making of a Ballet. Also, dancers Janet Schibata & Michael Bjerknes will discuss dancers and the creative process. Bldg. K Gym, 2:30pm.

**11/19:** Dept. of History sponsors George Stuart of National Geographic Society presenting a slide lecture on Mayan Tombs & Temples at Rio Azul. Lisner 503, 8pm.

**11/20:** Maranatha Student Center presents a video on rock music. Marvin Center. Ground floor, 11:30 am.

**11/20:** Womynspace & Program Board present motion picture "Not a Love Story" - an inside look at the world of porn. Discussion & guest speaker to follow. Marvin Center Ballroom, 8pm.

**11/20:** Association of College Entrepreneurs holds an open meeting with Prof. Winstead speaking on How to Start a Business. Corcoran 310, 7:30 pm.

**11/20:** GW Voices for a Free South

Africa sponsors a Candlelight Vigil in support of Black South Africans in protest against apartheid. In front of Rice Hall, 5:10pm.

**11/20:** Judicial System holds GWU Traffic Court. Petitions must be submitted to Parking Office. Marvin Center 407 & 409, 8pm.

**11/21:** Gay Peoples Alliance holds discussion group. All are welcome. Call 676-7590 for location, 7:30 pm.

**11/21:** Depts. of Classics and Religion meet every Thurs. for informal reading of *Acts* in Greek, bring your lunch if you like. Bldg. O 102A, 12:30 pm.

**11/21:** Students of Objectivism present taped speech by Dr. Jonh Ridpath on "George Orwell's 1984". Marvin Center 401, 7:30 pm.

**11/21:** Judicial System holds Traffic Court. Petitions must be submitted to Parking Office. Marvin Center 406 & 407, 8pm.

**11/22:** Hillel sponsors Friday Night Shabbat Services. Take a break to reflect on your week and be rejuvenated for the week to come! Marvin Center 405, 6pm. For reservations call 296-8873.

**11/22:** Hillel sponsors Friday night Shabbat dinner - good food, good company, traditional blessings. Relax with us! For reservations call 296-8873. Marvin Center 405 at 7pm.

**11/23:** Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity holds Formal Smoker for interested men. American University-Gray Hall, Bentley Lounge, 7pm.

### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

**11/18:** Hillel Israeli Dancers meet every Monday. GW students \$1/session, Hillel members free. 7pm beginners, 8:15 multi-level and open dancing. Marvin Center Ballroom-Room.

**11/18:** English Dept. sponsors fiction reading by Lore Segal, author and translator. Refreshments to follow. Marvin Center 403, 8pm.

**11/19:** Hillel sponsors Israeli Folkdance Workshop with Danny Dassa, choreographer and teacher. Learn new dances and dance old favorites. Marvin Center Continental Room, 7:30pm. GW students \$4.

**11/20:** German Club presents silent film classic 'Nosferatu: The Vampire' and 'Metropolis'. Marvin Center 416, 7pm.

**11/22:** Dept. of English sponsors poetry reading by Essex Hemphill and Nigel Hinshelwood. 2000 Pennsylvania Ave., 12 noon

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gay Peoples Alliance members will answer your questions about the group, Tuesday 11/19, 9-11pm, at 676-7590.

Tickets on sale now for GWU Theatre production of Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night', 11/21-23. Call 676-6178 for info.

Writing Lab (Stuart 201A), a writing tutorial, is now open: Mondays through Thursdays, 10am-7pm; Fridays, 10am-2pm. This service is

free to all GWU students who need help with papers, resumes, applications, letters, or any other kinds of writing. For an appointment, call x3765 or come by to sign up on the appointment sheets taped to the Lab door.

Kappa Alpha Psi sponsors its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive 11/18-23. Boxes will be at various places on campus and later in the week will be collected door to door at GWU, GU and AU. Please give support.

### COUNSELING CENTER NEWS

Counseling Center is now organizing the following groups. Major Decisions. For students who have not chosen majors, 11/20 from 12-2pm, and 11/21 from 6-8pm. Call 676-6650 for details.

International Students interested in visiting an American family for Thanksgiving or Christmas Holidays should contact Linda Robinson, at International Student Services 676-6860 by Nov. 1.

Campus Highlights is printed every Monday. All information dealing with campus activities, meetings, socials, special events or announcements must be submitted in writing to the Student Activities Office, Marvin Center 425/427 by WEDNESDAY NOON. All advertising in this section is free. Student Activities reserves the right to edit and/or abridge all items for matters of style, consistency and space.



## Editorials

### Letting go

When Rod French talks, apparently the hierarchy of Columbian College doesn't listen.

While Roderick French, the vice president for academic affairs, espouses the need for a renewed commitment to excellence in the area of liberal arts education, Columbian College officials decide to get rid of one of the college's most talented faculty members. The College's action of letting go Slavic Department Associate Professor Richard Robin directly contradicts what French put forward in his speech at this year's opening convocation (see opposite page).

What's so special about Richard Robin? The man happens to be one of only eight people in the country, outside of the State Department, qualified to test students of Russian in an Oral Proficiency Exam. He programmed the Slavic Department's computer in both the Roman alphabet and the Cyrillic alphabet. Even as the decision to release him is made, the workaholic Robin is trying to get GW access to Soviet television, something only a handful of schools in the U.S. have.

What's even more startling is Robin wants to teach here. He has been offered more prominent and better paying positions at other prominent institutions, only to turn them down in order to remain at GW.

Columbian College Dean Clara Lovett says Robin is being let go because of a lack of "resources," which translates to a lack of cash. Sorry Vice President French, but your fellow administrators don't seem to be taking note of your priorities. They seem to feel it is better to save a few dollars than to retain a man capable of helping GW become the "great Washington university" you speak of in your speech. So much for the concept of excellence here at GW. Maybe GW students can raise enough money for graduate school at Harvard or some other Ivy League school and enroll in the course Robin will be teaching there in the near future...

### Nature calls

I got the call at 8:30 a.m.

"This is the National Park Service. Gentlemen, you're goin' bison huntin'!"

"Thank you!" I cried, and called my partner. In minutes, we were ready for high adventure on the sprawling plains of the Great American West.

Things are tougher on the sportsman nowadays. Nowadays, you gotta be in some lottery if ya' want to shoot somethin', and have some bureaucrat tell you that you got only 36 hours to track a beast down and plug it. But we took precautions. We brought beer, girlie mags and beer. We brought our best guns, shiny clean and ready to blow the big bastards' brains out. We were ready for sport.

They say these bison babes are tough mothers to kill. That they are so stupid and thick that even if you shoot 'em up close—which is pretty easy because they ain't afraid of humans—it takes a good 10 to 12 rounds at close range to even make it feel anything. Me and my partner got real drunk before we got there. We spotted the bastard with our high-powered binoculars. He wasn't doin' much. Just standin' there grazing peacefully.

"Sittin' duck," my partner said. Sure enough, even after about eight shots from far away we had to resort to plugging the thing over and over right up close. Ya' never get to do that with a deer and such. They keel over like women at the first shot. But we were drunk and had a lot of fun up close to the thing. It took a helluva long time to die.

Me an' my partner drew lots to see who got the head. I won and it looks damn good sittin' up there on my living room wall.

Reminds me of the rugged, wild west. And of the real men, like me and my partner, who know and appreciate the great outdoors.

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## Letters to the editor

### Right by McClintock

When I was an undergraduate majoring in political science at GW, I took four political science courses taught by Professor Cynthia McClintock. Professor McClintock, I understand, is now under fire from right-wing type-writer terrorists active on the GW campus. They have accused McClintock of showing a leftist bias in her courses.

Let me put my own position in clear perspective before I proceed. There is absolutely no way that McClintock's critics can accuse me of being a leftist. I am the assistant editor of the largest and most widely circulated "right wing" newspaper in America today, a publication which is frequently attacked in the media, a publication whose views I support.

However, I am outraged by the attacks on Professor McClintock. She has her own views, very strong views, about Latin America, her field of expertise, and on many occasions I took issue with her views, in private conversations, in classroom discussions, in research papers written for her courses, and in tests.

Nonetheless, Professor McClintock was very fair and very open, and never once indicated that her "leftist bias" colored her treatment of me as a student. I received very good grades from McClintock, despite my disagreements with her political views.

In fact, I disagree very strongly with her views. But that doesn't make her a bad professor. I can say very honestly that I genuinely learned more in her courses at GW than I learned in any other course at GW or at any of the other educational institutions I have attended. Professor McClintock's classes are well-structured, well-taught, informative, interesting, and enter-

tain.

Aside from this, Professor McClintock is also a very nice person, one who does not deserve to be subjected to this kind of campaign.

If people disagree with her political views, they need not take her courses. But if they are interested in hearing another viewpoint, they might be well advised to take courses taught by Professor McClintock. They will find that she permits other views to be heard and that she is not the monster our campus conservatives might like to think.

Conservative ideologues, I'm sorry to say, have the same self-righteous, holier-than-thou attitude that their liberal counterparts display. And now, I, who disagree strongly with many of Professor McClintock's views, find myself in the unlikely position of condemning the criticisms of the professor made by people with whom I usually strongly agree.

The bottom line of it is this: the criticisms of Professor McClintock are ridiculous, irresponsible, unwarranted, counterproductive and silly. I suggest to my conservative friends that they leave Professor McClintock alone. She is a credit to GW's political science department, and she deserves only the highest praise.

-Michael Collins Piper

### Packer crack

The ill-conceived attempt at topical humor [The GW Hatchet, Nov. 7] has just been brought to our attention. The distasteful caption accompanying the photo on page 12 offends us not just as lesbians and gay men, but as students sensitive to the suffering of other human beings.

Not only is the equation "Gay equals A.I.D.S." misinformed, but the fact that the statement was presented as humor is

astonishingly irresponsible on the part of the editorial staff. "The Fire Island Fudge Packer" crack was more than a cheap shot; it's a foul slur which doesn't belong in a serious publication. We challenge the GW Hatchet staff to take their roles as journalists seriously. Report on the anguish of the community, don't make light of it. Represent a segment of society accurately, not in derogatory parody. Perhaps the piece was placed in ignorance. In the interest of preventing additional gaffes such as this, the Gay People's Alliance is prepared to provide the Hatchet with the facts about A.I.D.S. as a national problem as well as its particular effects on the gay community.

-Gay Peoples Alliance of GWU

### Eschew porn

I am upset and disgusted at GWU Program Board for spending a portion of my tuition money to sponsor the film *Insatiable*. At its best pornography depicts sex inaccurately as brutal and grotesque. At its worst, which is most of the time, it promotes violence toward women with sex condoning the harmful, sexist behaviors portrayed.

I'm not saying that the audience is over-impressionable; I know they are within their rights, but does the University have to encourage viewing pornography? The students can walk 8 blocks and see the same films in a theater that exists only to profit from peoples' baser tendencies, not an institute of higher education.

That it's the program boards biggest money maker does not legitimize their choice.

The abused women in the film prostitute themselves to the humiliating pornography system for economic reasons, does the University have to be pulled down into prostitution also?

-Susanne Saint Onge

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# Opinion

## A critique of the critics: 'Quest for excellence'

The following defense of a liberal education is excerpted from the author's keynote address at this Fall's Opening Convocation.

A small industry has sprung up in recent years, the product of which has been a series of reports on what's wrong with education in America, accompanied by recommendations for what ought to be done to rescue this endangered enterprise. The first alarm in this latest cycle of critiques of education happened to be sounded on our campus. Then Secretary of Education Terrell Bell held a press conference here to release to the

to. The third term is "coherence" or its equivalent "integrity," also something presumed lost and to be recovered. The fourth refrain is a most broadly stated goal, namely, "national interest." This is usually defined in terms of productivity and international competition, far less often in the sense of preparation for civic life.

We in education—that includes you students—we have become everyone's easy target. We have lost the confidence of great numbers of our fellow citizens. That is what ought to distress us, not the mediocre specifics of the debate. How can we regain that

**Roderick S. French**

public a report with the sensational title, "A Nation at Risk." The National Commission on Excellence, which prepared the report, warned us that a "rising tide of mediocrity" in American education threatened the very future of the republic—not to mention our competitive advantage vis-a-vis Japanese industry!

From that moment onward, there has been no shortage of doctors to diagnose our diseases. No matter which medium you read or watch, you have to know that the schools and colleges in this country have allegedly "fallen on evil times."

Today's critics—most of whom are faceless commissions rather than eloquent individual re-

confidence but do so with an interpretation of the nature and purposes of higher education that does not betray the great university tradition of liberal learning? We may begin by a quick, critical review of the key words of our critics.

Let's start with that cluster of magic words: excellence/quality/standards. My first problem is with the quality of the concern for quality. There is a kind of neurotic obsession with quality and its mechanical measurement.

It is more healthy, for societies as well as for individuals, to be more accepting of the fact that education, like all complex human activities, is shot through with

### '... we have become everyone's easy target'

formers—stress the social failure of schools and colleges. They have a lot to say about the personnel needs for high national productivity and relatively little to say about the personal needs of students for rich and satisfying lives.

If one looks to these reports for an explanation of how we have come to be in such a sorry state, the answers are distressingly unanimous and simplistic. The causes are usually said to be:

- 1) Bad Teachers: portrayed as lazy, misguided, mediocre.
- 2) Bad Students: portrayed as lazy, misguided, mediocre.
- 3) "The 1960's": an undefined abstraction & craven administrators who gave in to that evil decade.
- 4) Cultural Trends: too much TV, too much vocationalism, etc.

As for what we ought to be doing, the prescriptions in the reports also are rather easily summarized in a set of code words. The one term that heads everyone's list is "excellence" along with its sister terms "quality" and "standards." The second code word is "basics," as in back

paradox and ambiguity.

Too many of these studies talk as if "quality" in higher education were an abstract end in itself. It is not. Quality is a goal to be pursued for the sake of the lives of those who are to be educated and for the good of the society that makes it possible. Neither is quality in a university something produced by faculty independent of the contribution of students. Students, by virtue of the motivation and the preparation they bring to the transactions of education, set the limits of excellence at every institution. This points to the larger sense in which excellence in higher education cannot be achieved in isolation.

If we are really committed to achieving national excellence in higher education, then we must renew our commitment to equality of access to quality education at every level. Enlightenment and equality were linked in our Revolution, not only as an ideal but as a concrete aspiration. The translation of that linkage into social reality through education has animated much of the progress we have made as a



society.

Our declared intention to be a great Washington university obligates us to assist the nation and this capital city to make good on the promises of America to all its citizens. I hope that more faculty and more students will commit some time to this effort. One can also hope that those public figures who have lent their voices to the new crusade for quality will also recognize the broader implications for the policies and programs of their agencies.

If one turns to these reports to find how we are to attain higher quality, one discovers they are almost unanimously uninspired. Virtually nothing is said about the quality of the actual experience of teaching and learning. All the emphasis is on content, the so-called basics, and on the quantitative measurement of the mastery of that content. There is an almost magical confidence in the canon of great works. The implication is that more time devoted to right material will transform mediocre teachers and students into excellent ones and save the nation in the process. Taken to this extreme such a position is patently absurd. Of course some things are more deserving of close study than others. But, as President Rhodes of Cornell recently said, "It is the spirit of inquiry, as much as the subject of inquiry, that is the benefit of a liberal education." The subject matter without the spirit is a betrayal of the canon.

The other target of the Basics group is what they perceive as the excessive vocationalism of much undergraduate education.

In their overreaction to vocationalism, the authors of these reports seem never to have grasped the concept of a liberal professional education. That is what we are striving to create at

GW. The reopening of the discussion of General Education called for by the Year 2000 Commission will, I trust, recognize from the outset that concern for "the realities of earning a living have always been part of the liberal arts tradition," (Ernest L. Boyer).

We on the faculty do not know, we cannot know with certainty, what you students will need to know in your future lives. All we can do is offer you the chance to become equipped with the skills of analysis and habits of reflection and foundation of general knowledge on the basis of which you can continue to learn what you need to know throughout your lives. What we don't want to happen is for you to leave here with a knowledge base so narrow, with skills so specialized, with a vision of life's possibilities so con-

tradition. That is the tradition of the university in the West.

In our quest for more pervasive excellence at GW, the most important thing will be to maintain a sense of solidarity. Our renewed emphasis on individual student and faculty achievement must not obscure the collective nature of our enterprise. We are a community of inquiry.

Our oft-mentioned location further underlines the importance of clarity on this point. We are, it would seem, in one of those periods in which some of our fellow citizens have grown nervous about what goes on in universities. They are no longer sure of the constructive motivation of critical inquiry. You will have seen news stories this summer about pernicious schemes to recruit outsiders to monitor classroom lectures. Not trusting in

### 'If one turns to these reports one discovers that they are ... uninspired'

stricted, that at the end of your productive career you will reflect that all you have learned is about aluminum—or its equivalent in English poetry or microeconomics.

GW has changed dramatically over the last century and one half, and we are all the beneficiaries of that fact. I would wager all the chips I have on the following conviction: In the year 2000, those institutions that will display the most continuity with the essence of the great liberal university tradition will not be those which have turned back to reclaim an idealized and therefore irrevocable past, but those which have bent every effort to constructively adapt to the demands of the present and the challenges of the future. That is not to abandon the

power of their ideals to prevail in open discussion, they will seek to win conformity to their views through intimidation. It is a melancholy development, but we have the advantage of the perspective of history on such efforts.

It is essential in this context that we at GW all other institutions retain a shred of confidence in our enterprise because we are uniquely situated to exemplify the role of the university in a free society. That is the mandate given to us by our history and one not to be shirked when others are losing courage.

Roderick S. French is vice-president for academic affairs and a professor of philosophy here at GW.



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# SPJ allows coverage of roast

## Journalists reverse earlier decision to ban coverage

by Robyn Walensky  
Hatchet Staff Writer

PHOENIX, ARIZONA, Nov. 17. —Leaders of the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) reversed a decision to ban television coverage of a roast of Walter Cronkite and allowed a national cable network to cover the event at its national convention in Phoenix, Arizona this weekend.

C-Span, a non-profit public affairs cable network noted for its coverage of the House of Representatives, broadcast the roast of Cronkite, the former anchorman of the CBS Evening News, live Saturday night. As early as two months ago, C-Span arranged to cover the event and was still slated

to do so until early last week.

Coverage of the event was cancelled Tuesday night by Russ Tornabene, executive officer of SPJ, who informed C-Span producer Carl Rutan that they were concerned the participants in the roast were unaware their comments were to be taped for television. Tornabene said the Society would be unable to deliver the quality of programming promised.

"We don't think because of the nature of the event that it is a news event," said Frank Sutherland, president of SPJ.

Rutan disagreed with Sutherland. "Anything Walter Cronkite is involved with is news," he said. "The man is a nationally-known figure."

"The whole thing about it is that these guys are journalists. If the president were roasting the vice-president and they weren't allowed in, they'd scream bloody murder," he said. "It's clearly a double standard. They're using different rules for themselves."

Thursday morning, Sutherland announced that the status of the

roast depended on whether the participants would agree to talk in front of the television cameras. It was also decided by Sutherland that the entire convention would be opened to full news coverage and full cameras; however, it was still uncertain whether the roasters would agree to participate in front of the C-Span cameras.

The roast was televised nationally to C-Span's 22.5 million cable TV viewers Saturday at 9:30 p.m., Mountain Standard Time.

"I think the decision is quite proper in as much as it is a public event with tickets being sold, available to the public," said Cronkite. "If it had been a private party, a private convention function, the question would have been quite different."

The event raised \$12,500 for the Society's Legal Defense Fund which aids reporters entangled in legal disputes involving freedom of the press.

Appearing at the roast were humorist Andy Rooney of CBS' 60 Minutes, CBS News correspondent Marlene Sanders, Bertan Benjamin, senior producer for CBS News, John Seigenthaler, editorial director of USA Today, and syndicated editorial cartoonist Bill Mauldin.

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# Sequent seeking respect

*Paper looks to establish conservative voice on campus*

by Geoff Brown  
Hatchet Staff Writer

With a home base at GW, The Sequent, the self-proclaimed "Nation's fastest growing conservative student newspaper," is seeking to establish itself as a credible conservative mouthpiece on campus.

Although the paper is not funded by the University, approximately 4,000 copies out of a nationwide circulation of 15,000 are distributed here, according to Editor and GW sophomore Michael Centanni.

Centanni would "like [The Sequent] to be considered one of GW's newspapers" despite some resistance on campus. "Once in a while the manager of the Marvin Center threatens to throw out Sequents in the Marvin Center," said Centanni, adding that students had also been seen throwing out stacks of the newspapers.

The conservative newspaper usually is published twice each semester. It boasts an Advisory Board which includes Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC), retired U.S. Army Lt. General Daniel O. Graham and GW professors Charles Moser and Henry Nau. However, Moser and Nau said they had never been to a board meeting. Nau added he wasn't aware that there had ever been a board

meeting.

The Sequent's overall purpose is to "make people aware of another side of things and to train conservative writers in media," Centanni said. Another purpose of the newspaper is to act as a "watchdog [over] leftist groups on campus," Centanni said. Rep. Phillip Crane (R-Ill.) supports The Sequent for efforts in this area.

Crane could not be reached for comment.

It is The Sequent's role as "watchdog" that draws the greatest amount of criticism from the GW community. Centanni said he received a letter from Vice-President for Academic Affairs Roderick French that was critical of the policies of so called "watchdog" groups such as Accuracy in Academia (AIA), which

The Sequent has supported in its paper.

Recently, The GW Hatchet reported a connection between The Sequent and AIA concerning GW Political Science Professor Cynthia McClintock. McClintock allegedly appeared on AIA's "target list" because of a two-year old article in The Sequent by the paper's founding editor Jay Michael Waller. AIA has since denied the presence of a target list.

"What we want to get across is that [some University] courses are biased," Centanni said. "We [The Sequent] are sort of that judge [of bias in courses], being a watchdog." The judgements are based on "substantiated" evidence such as reports of bias from students and apparently "unbal-

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## Sequent: "bias watchdog"

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anced" course readings, he said.

Centanni said he is "pleased with objectivity" in University courses and that "ideology doesn't have a place" in course material. "There is nothing wrong with a professor being biased," he said, "but [he or she] should tell the students [of his or her bias] and give balanced readings."

Centanni said the danger of what he considers to be bias in course material is that "teachers may confuse students," and that a "student is likely to accept the views of the teacher." He stressed the importance of The Sequent's role in increasing awareness of its definition of bias. Regarding the possible pressure on teachers caused by reports of "bias" in The Sequent, Centanni said "I

don't think it's wrong for a teacher to have to think twice in class."

Professor Nau said he supports the idea of "a good responsible conservatively-oriented newspaper on campus," and that he sees "nothing wrong in The Sequent."

"I don't support AIA or AIM [Accuracy in Media] actively ... on the other hand I don't dislike what they do," Nau said. "As long as a teacher is clear about [his or her bias] it's okay, but any teacher [who] portrays himself or herself as objective is a problem."

Nau said he would like to see The Sequent "broaden its appeal without losing the distinctiveness of that appeal." The Sequent should "address the major issues ... like relations with the Soviets over the next ten years," he added. "AIA is not a big event."

Nau authored "The Public Philosophy of Republicans" for the October 1985 issue of The Sequent, but said he had no plans to write future articles for the paper. "I'm not very active at all" with the Sequent, he said.

French said he questions why The Sequent appears to be "concealing" certain facts of its existence such as the location of its offices and the identities of its financial backers. Centanni said The Sequent operates out of the offices of a "friend," and it is funded "privately," but did not elaborate.

Centanni said he first got involved with The Sequent through contacts with Young Americans for Freedom, and remains on YAF's national Board of Directors.



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The rumor in Washington is that Reagan is ready to deal. He has nothing to lose but much to gain if he succeeds in dealing with the Soviets. This is really his last chance to make a mark on history by achieving some sort of peace agreement with the Soviet Union.

However, it is likely that no substantial arms control agreement will be signed at the summit. Reagan is determined not to yield on his "Star Wars" program and Gorbachev is equally adamant in his desire to ban the program.

Since Regan became president, there have been a long string of problems in getting the two superpowers together to negotiate. Reagan's strong anti-communist stand and harsh rhetoric cast a frosty chill over the already strained relationship.

There are also problems on the Soviet side. Since Reagan has been in office, there have been three changes at the top in the Kremlin. Moreover, there were long periods of inactivity when the successive Soviet leaders were absent from the international scene because they "suffered from a cold."

In addition, Reagan consistently stressed that he did not want a summit just to "get acquainted" but to discuss real and significant issues. However, the real issue, according to Gorbachev, is Reagan's "Star Wars" plan—where Reagan refuses to budge.

The debate over most issues will continue. The United States will probably accuse the Soviet Union of violating the rights of Soviet Jews and various dissidents and of not abiding by the Helsinki Agreement of 1974 on human rights. The Soviets will charge the U.S. with abusing American Indians, blacks and other minorities.

The United States will demand that the Soviet Union should stop supporting communist insurgents in El Salvador and condemn the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. The Soviet Union will likely counter with a condemnation of the U.S. backing of the contras in Nicaragua and the U.S. invasion of Grenada.

Although the prospects appear gloomy for any agreement on substantial issues, it seems that a few matters of common interest can be agreed upon.

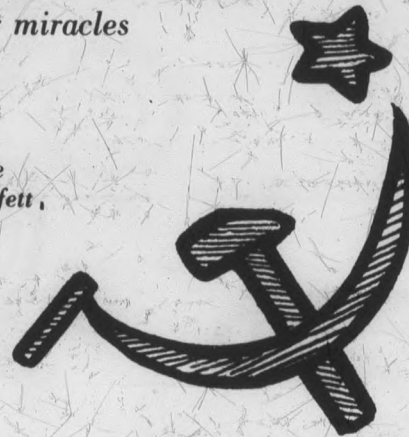
It is likely that each side will agree to open new consulates in both countries and will restore landing rights for U.S. and Soviet airplanes which were suspended after the Soviet downing of Korean Airline Flight 007.

It has also been strongly suggested by many experts that both sides will sign a nuclear nonproliferation agreement to stop the spread of nuclear weapons. Also, in light of recent terrorist attacks on both countries, it is likely that the U.S. and the Soviet Union will sign a

# THE SOVIETS

*The two superpowers meet in Geneva, but no one's expecting any miracles*

Text  
by  
Julie  
Moffett



mutual agreement condemning terrorism.

It follows that if there is going to be any thaw in East-West relations before 1990, Reagan and Gorbachev are going to have to deal. If the Soviets pass up the opportunity to talk now, they will have to postpone any such progress until the 1988 election of a new U.S. President. However, there will be no guarantee that the president at that time will be willing to negotiate any more or less than Reagan.

If the Soviets are interested in a relaxation of East-West tension, this is the best time to take advantage of the situation. If there is no real progress, it will be obvious that they are willing to take their chances in the future with a new American president.

**Inside: an interview with a Soviet official, a student's view of the USSR, and life in a Soviet concentration camp**

## GW students expect little from summit

It seems that GW students agree with most foreign affairs analysts that not much of a significant agreement will come out of the summit between President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. In interviews this week with The GW Hatchet, students said:

● "I think nothing will come out of the summit because there is no incentive for anything to come out of it." —Barry Hanerfeld, senior.

● "Nothing. Summits are for signing things. Summits are not for negotiating." —Jeff

Karpinski, sophomore.

● "A lot of show and not much action. Summits tend to be a media-hype." —Todd Goldsberry, freshman.

● "Very little as in years past. There is very little progress where it concerns reductions. I don't think they're going to end up with any significant reductions." —Ann Acosta, sophomore.

● "Probably not too much because they never agree on anything." —Michael Deane, senior.

● "Nothing. But I see it as a really good idea although I think it [the summit] is done to

look good. It makes people look like they are doing something." —Kirsten Groover, sophomore.

● "Nothing at all. Nothing ever changes. They are just two major powers in the world who seek to advance and expand their own interests." —Norman Hermant, sophomore.

● "No major agreements as many people have speculated. But I think there will be a lot of headway made in the area of communications. I think there will be some minor agreements but don't look for any big breakthroughs." —Scott

Smith, junior.

● "Absolutely nothing!" —Doug D'Argenio, sophomore.

● "Nothing. Although its overwhelming world opinion that nuclear weapons are destructive, it is not in the best interest of either country to restrict or not deploy nuclear weapons." —Keith Robbins, graduate student.

● "Nothing. But I am happy they are communicating. I don't expect much, but I am glad they are making an attempt to meet." —Karen Kittredge, senior.

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# World issues: A Soviet's perspective

*In an interview with The GW Hatchet, Viktor Kvasov, an economist at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C., talks about his country, his views on the upcoming summit and the future of U.S.-Soviet relations. Kvasov will be returning to the Soviet Union in January.*

Recently the current administration in the Soviet Union has taken several steps to improve the economy. What further steps are you planning to take and how will you implement them?

First of all, you are right in putting this question first because economic problems and development of our economy is the second most important question of all. First is disarmament, the peace process, and negotiations between the USSR and USA. Second is economic development. The importance of that does not mean that our economic state is disastrous or something like that. On the contrary, you see the main principle of our society is the major fulfillment of all the needs of the members of society including economic needs. Any step forward in our society means we have to develop our economy ... The economy belongs to the people, the society. The recent problem, the rate of growth, does not satisfy us fully. As you are right, some very complicated measures have to be taken. Recently, our party discussed a new draft program for economic development for the next five and next 15 years—up to the year 2000 ... In the year

2000, we have to double our economic fulfillments. In the next 15 years we will produce an economy which in turn will produce as many goods as we achieved throughout the almost 70 years of our existence ... The major force behind this has to be the increase in labor productivity. Labor productivity in these 15 years has to be increased by at least 2.3 times ... This five-year plan, which is from 1986 until 1990, will be the first one in our history when practically the whole increase in industrial output will be achieved through the increase in the productivity of labor ... We are stressing more the productivity rather than the capital intensiveness ... So, labor productivity is the name of the game right now. To achieve this increase in labor productivity we have to fully use the fruits of the technological revolution ...

**What about the charge that the Soviet Union lags behind in the technological revolution?**

It is very fashionable right now to hear the Western media, for example, discussing problems of the retardation of Soviet technology and the retardation of industry. You see, it is not quite true. To go even further, it is substantially untrue. People who say that forget that our country was the first in space. Actually, the USSR was the first in very many areas of science and technology ... We proved to the world that no embargo on technology can stop our development. Take for example, the Siberian gas line. When the U.S. refused to give us the necessary equipment, we developed it in a period shorter than one year. So that is not the real problem ... But to end answering your first question, to implement these measures and increase the labor productivity and output we also have to go through upgrading our management system. To do that we will be decreasing the staff of the operative level management but at the same time increasing its role. We will try to eliminate the middle level management and to stress the responsibility of the management of the major enterprises ...

**Tied in with the implementation of the economic steps that you are now taking, there have been a number of personnel changes in the Soviet bureaucracy—many of them having to do with important economic posts. How does this tie in to the whole program itself and what is being done with the new personnel?**

... It is typical of people in the West to emphasize some particular person or some particular people. As we see the system of our government and as it is also seen by some experts and specialists here in this country, it is a collective type of government. So what is essential is that a new generation is coming into life and also into higher levels of government ... There is a major misperception ... people inherently think of our system as not being democratic. In fact it is. Sometimes we don't understand each other but there are different perceptions of democracy. In terms of Marxist-Leninist theory, there are two types of democracy. There is bourgeois democracy which is worse than democracy and the other is ours ...

**There is currently a major anti-alcoholism campaign going on in the USSR. In your opinion, how effective have the recent anti-alcoholism steps been and what else is being done to combat this problem.**

There is a whole complex of measures and they are very effective. As far as I remember ... in just three months, production of cheapest kinds of spirits and heavy drinks was curtailed by at least 30 percent ... but this is only one facet of the problem. On the positive side there are the gains in the economic side. In economic terms it brings more discipline in the workplace, more productivity ... In social terms it brings more happy families, more healthy children. It was a very good thing to do. The whole program has very strong support from the population.

**In your opinion as a private citizen, how would you characterize U.S.-Soviet relations at this time?**

In spite of recent developments in our

relations, in spite of the forthcoming summit in Geneva ... I think that people in this country understand the complexity of the task which will be before our two leaders in Geneva. What Mr. Reagan did [the speech in the U.N. last month] was to exchange the real problem, the problem of disarmament, for just one of the many problems in world politics. To go further I would also, again as a private citizen, say ... what Mr. Reagan was saying, I mean accusing indirectly and sometimes directly, us of was involvement in different countries in the world ... For example, in the case of Nicaragua, there is no Soviet military involvement no matter what President Reagan said. In our turn we can just count very many places in the world where we are not very much pleased with United States politics ... I don't know if people here are aware of the fact that the United States now has more soldiers outside the U.S. than they had during World War II. How you can explain that, for example, in terms of peace and world stability? ... All in all, the recent state of our relations is at one of the lowest points in history ... President Reagan and the recent administration has tried to picture SDI, which we are against, as a solution to all the problems in the field of disarmament and peace stability. The U.S. point is that SDI is to protect the people of the United States. It is not. It is to protect U.S. missiles.

**If you could tell college students something about the Soviet Union that would help us to understand further the culture and politics of your country, what would you say?**

Come to the USSR and see for yourself ... people in this country tend not to be informed very well about USSR but who is to be blamed for that is another question. The kind of information you can receive here [in the U.S.] about the Soviet Union is quite negative information. Very seldom is [the information] neutral and very very seldom and almost non-existent is positive information.

## ПЕНТАГОНОВСКАЯ ТРАНСФОРМАЦИЯ



US space shield.



And The GW Hatchet's own ... Steve Turtill.

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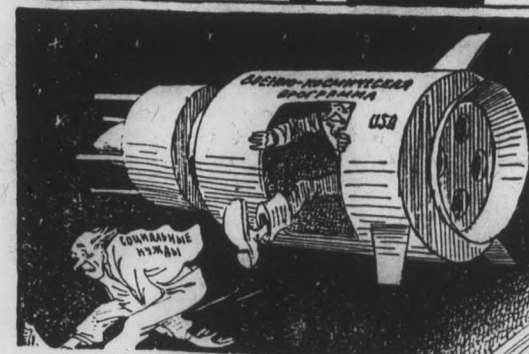


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# Behind the barbed wire ...

## A man struggles for freedom after an ordeal in a Soviet concentration camp

by Julie Moffett

It is 1935 in the Soviet Union. A young man imprisoned for nothing but his beliefs struggles to survive. A victim of Stalin's Great Purges, he tries to understand his "crimes against the state."

GW Professor Vladimir Petrov was 18 when he entered the most remote concentration camp in northeastern Siberia. His crimes were the accusation leveled at hundreds of thousands: spreading anti-Soviet propaganda, es-

pionage, and plotting revolts against the current Soviet regime.

"I denied my guilt but I could prove nothing to my judges because they themselves did not believe me guilty. They had to sentence me, just as they did all the others. I was a small pawn in the enormous game known as the policies of the Soviet government," Petrov explained about his experiences in his book, *My Retreat From Russia*, written in 1950.

Currently a professor in the

GW Sino-Soviet Institute, Petrov has been in the United States for 38 years. But camp memories still linger in his mind. Petrov's most vivid memory of his nightmarish years in the camp was when he tried to visit a friend in another

compound. "I was crawling under the barbed wire in the snow. A guard saw me, cocked his rifle and ordered me to stay put," Petrov said in an interview last week.

"I stayed there in the snow for a half an hour. Afterwards I wouldn't say where I was going so they sent me to Kartzer [a solitary prison cell] for a couple of days with just bread and water."

Petrov was born in Krasnodar, a small town in the Black Sea region. When he was 18 years old he attended the Leningrad Institute of Industrial Transportation. However, shortly after his arrival at the institute, he and 300 others were arrested for being "politically unreliable students."

"I talked, read books which were not advisable, and did

utilities and transportation department while the city was under the occupation of the Germans.

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In February of 1943, he decided to move West. "A group of us got a horse-driven carriage, got travel papers—remember I worked in the city government—but we only got as far as Kiev. We ran a small-time black market operation for about six months.

Petrov then lived for six months in Odessa, a city also under German occupation. "I could see that the Germans were clearly losing the war, and that was when I really decided to go West," Petrov said. According to Petrov, it was fairly easy to travel from country to country without needing a passport or a visa. So, with

## A look through the eyes of a GW student

# Life in the Soviet Union

by Vanessa Howell

I had the unique opportunity to study in the Soviet Union during the spring semester of my junior year in college. Although I thought that I would be well-prepared for the four and a half months at the Pushkin Institute of Russian Language in Moscow, I still felt amazed and disoriented after my arrival in the Land of Lenin.

I was overwhelmed by the extent of politicization of Muscovite society. Pictures of Lenin were everywhere, and so were banners proclaiming the glory of the Communist Party and urging workers to fulfill the five-year plan.

Reminders of World War II were around every corner. I remember vividly the huge tank traps that marked the point where Hitler's troops reached during the war. The citizens are constantly reminded about their heroic efforts in the Great Patriotic War and the most common themes in literature deals with Russian efforts during the war.

The long lines to buy food and consumer goods, the severity of the Russian winter, the bureaucratic hassles in all aspects of life, seemed minor in comparison to how Moscow residents conducted themselves in social situations. I had expected to find a certain anonymity, or a "mind-your-own-business" attitude common to other large urban areas.

However, this was not the case in Moscow—where your business becomes everybody else's business. My experi-

ences, skewed as they might be, have led me to nominate "devushka" or "miss" as the most commonly used word in the Russian language. After getting my attention, the conversation was usually followed by a mild reprimand about forgetting to wear a hat out in the cold or advice on the way I wore my hair and my clothes. I

made to be overcome and when actual contact was made with the Russians, it became the focal point of my whole trip. I found that the Russians would go to great length to make their guests welcome and comfortable, and to stuff us full of large amounts of food and drink.

Another striking feature of my contacts with the Russians was their insatiable thirst for information about life in America. They would unleash a barrage of questions about how many square meters of living space I had at home, how much the average worker earned, how many cars per average American. The questions were exhausting at times, but the opportunity to visit with such a rapt audience was truly unique.

I left Moscow with a full stomach and a ton of memories and experiences that simply have no comparison to Western society. I would gladly return to the Soviet Union, and would look forward to a whole new set of adventures, but all the while be sure to appreciate the comforts of my own society.

*The name of the author of this story is not real because she would someday like to return to the Soviet Union. Howell had the opportunity to study as an undergraduate in the Soviet Union for four months on an educational exchange program. She is currently a graduate student in the GW's Sino-Soviet Institute and has agreed to share some of her personal feelings about her experiences and perceptions as a student in the Soviet Union.*

## 'In Moscow, your business becomes everybody else's business.'

finally came to the realization, however, that these incidents were not in fact rude violations of my privacy, but rather the attempt of these people to look out for someone who was obviously a foreigner and not well versed in the ways of Russian survival.

Perhaps the most rewarding and unforgettable part of the Moscow experience was being able to meet the Russians themselves and to experience the much acclaimed hospitality. This was not an easy thing to do. Meeting ordinary people in a country where socializing with capitalists is strongly frowned upon was quite difficult. The Pushkin Institute was located far from Moscow State University and even farther away from the center of town. It certainly seemed as though we were often in isolation.

However, obstacles are

## 'What was worst was watching older and more established people wither away.'

something which was considered subversive—I traded stamps with foreigners," said Petrov with a trace of bitterness still present in his voice. "They also found my diary ... and said something was in it that had an adverse view of the Soviet system. In the end I was sent to a concentration camp for anti-Soviet propaganda."

Petrov said there is a big distinction between a prison and a concentration camp. In prison, he said, it is not necessary to work and somehow it is less mentally repressive.

"In the concentration camps ... every day I had to get up at 6 a.m. and march off to work. If you are strong and healthy, all is good. But if you are weak and sick, your life expectancy goes down. Also, you are much more hungry. Fresh-air work improves the appetite."

Petrov saw himself as a rebel and a non-conformist. "I was a bit defiant," he said. "When you are in your early 20's, you are more optimistic. What was the worst was watching older and more established people wither away."

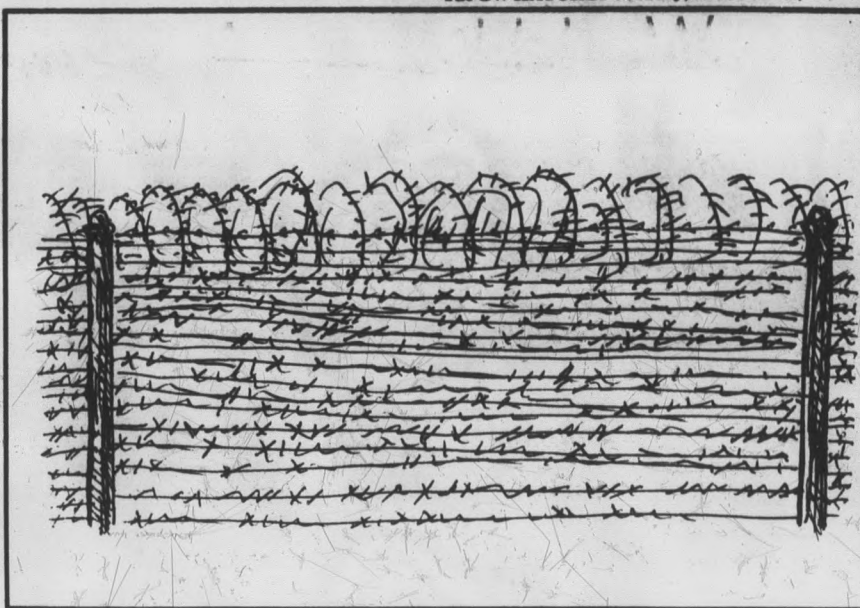
After his release from the concentration camp in 1941, Petrov moved back to his hometown in Krasnodar. For several months he worked in the city government

little trouble he moved to Vienna where he lived for one year. He then moved to Italy for a year and finally in 1947 arrived in what he calls the "Promised land of the World," —the United States of America.

Petrov taught the Russian language at a university in Connecticut for a while before moving to Washington, D.C. He wanted to teach history, and said his experiences in the Soviet Union helped him to illustrate to GW students a more comprehensive view of the Soviet Union.

But Petrov tries to keep his personal life and opinions out of the classrooms. "It is not the job of a teacher to indoctrinate the students. It doesn't work and I don't waste my time," he said. "Maybe it is because I resent indoctrination so much and I remember how I couldn't even ask a question without being suspected of anti-party motives."

Petrov offered advice to GW students about how to understand and deal with the Soviet Union. "The Soviet Union is here to stay whether we like it or not, and we have no remains of removing it without risking a suicide. Don't try to reform the Soviet Union, it is a totally hopeless task. They are what they are and will remain what they are."





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# Arts and Music

## GW talent humors *Twelfth Night*

by Leslie Layer

The words are 380 years old, but the comedy is immortal in Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*. Fortunately, the GW Theatre production cast of 14 has enough talent to relay that to the audience in the Bard's play.

In fact, in comparison with two of the GW Theatre's latest efforts, *Grease* and *You Can't Take It With You*, this production of Shakespeare's comic romance deserves accolades because it is the most capable one assembled by the GW theatre in recent memory.

Coupled with the mature acting is the Bard of Stratford's drama. Shakespeare riddles the plot with comedic twists and turns. Orsino, the Duke of Illyria (David Malmgren) falls in love with the beautiful Olivia (Gage Johnston),

who is less than receptive to his attentions. Perhaps because this gorgeous maid has four people dancing around her, she feels no need to add the mooning Orsino to that group.

The audience is then introduced to Viola (Katherine Jane Petrov) who presumably has lost her brother in a storm at sea. With the help of a sea captain (Kevin Keaveney), Viola poses as a man and becomes an attendant to Orsino. Because of her fair looks and nimble tongue, Orsino chooses her as his emissary to win the fair hand of Olivia. Unfortunately, those same attributes make Olivia fall in love with Viola.

When Viola's brother, Sebastian (David Stone), shows up, it really throws everyone for a loop. The ensuing cases of mistaken identity and some funny subplot

lines keep the audience laughing until the final curtain.

As the androgynous Viola, Petrov wins the audience's instant sympathy. She is in love with Orsino but he thinks she is a boy, and she also has to plead her case with the love-struck Olivia without giving her disguise away. Olivia, who is no shrinking violet when it comes to pursuing a man, makes Viola's situation seem almost desperate, and it makes waiting for the resolution more exciting.

Johnston, as the beautiful countess, plays her part to near perfection. She glides about on stage with a regal air, dominating all those about her. One can only be surprised at her apparent love for Viola, for it seems she could love no one as much as herself.

One of the best scenes in the play has Olivia meeting up with Sebastian, whom she mistakes for the elusive Viola. When Olivia turns those seductive wiles on Sebastian, he is unbelieving of his good fortune and follows Olivia eagerly into her lair.

Members of the supporting cast turn in some of the best performances of the show. Lisa Lias as Feste, Olivia's fool, uses the character's sharp wit with classic jesting facial expressions and fine timing to add her own twists to the story.

Sir Toby, Olivia's uncle (Kenneth Albala) steals almost every



From l. to r.: Jack Sanderson as Malvolio, Kenneth Albala, and Emily B. Kalb.

scene as a rollicking drunk constantly on the lookout for a prank to pull. G.J. Stewart Walker as his bumbling sidekick, Sir Andrew Aguecheek, plays the ineffectual, but well-meaning knight very well.

The audience's favorite on opening night was easily Malvolio (Jack Sanderson). The vain and obnoxious Malvolio gets his comeuppance when he is on the receiving end of a brilliantly cruel prank. The audience was rolling in the aisles when he appears on stage in yellow stockings and cross garters, smiling like an idiot, because he believes those actions

will please his mistress Olivia.

Without a doubt though, with all the solid performances, the most outstanding aspect of the production was the costumes. Costume designer William Pucilowsky created lavish costumes for every member of the cast, especially in the lush gowns in which Olivia parades.

It all ends happily, by the way, something no modern playwright would ever do, living in this cynical age. It's a fun show, and one that you only have to go to the Marvin Center to see. *Twelfth Night* will continue its run November 21-23.



(From l. to r.) Lisa Lias as Feste, Kenneth Albala as Sir Toby Belch, Emily B. Kalb as Maria and G.J. Stewart Walker as Sir Andrew Aguecheek

## Hoodoo Gurus return from down under with heavier metal

by Dion Nissenbaum

Let's face it. Most Americans just don't consider Australia to be much of a continent. In fact, if some poll were taken in this country, Australia's three biggest contributions to the world would probably be: 1) Mel Gibson 2) Fosters Lager and 3) Kangaroos. In that order.

Australia most certainly isn't thought of as the music capital of the world. INXS and Men at Work are really the only two bands from down under that chart any success in America these days. Even Australia's contribution to Live Aid, "Oz for Africa" received about as much coverage as the Russian counterpart. Other than AC/DC, Australian bands generally don't raise many eyebrows, at least not in the United States.

Last year, a new Australian quartet, the Hoodoo Gurus, slunk into the States touring on the success of their minor hit, "I Want You Back." As far as Australian bands go, the Gurus exhibit some talent. So what if they constantly rip off licks from the Cramps. So what if they're heavily influenced by the hard rock of Gary Glitter. They still produce good songs.

Perhaps the band's greatest

asset is lead vocalist/guitarist Dave Faulkner, who writes just about all the band's material. Faulkner's morbid sense of humor dominates his writing. From singing about digging up dead girlfriends ("Dig it Up") to dead former-Gurus bass player ("Arthur") to everyone dying ("Death Defying"), Faulkner apparently loves the idea of death.

Last Thursday night at the 9:30 Club, the Hoodoo Gurus made their not-so-triumphant return to Washington without Mel Gibson and with a new image. Faulkner, bass player Clyde Bramley and lead guitarist Brad Sheperd all sported wild, uncombed, shoulder-length hair. The band climbed right off the inside jacket cover of their new album, *Mars Needs Guitars*. Every band member wore almost the exact same paisley-type clothes. A marketable difference from their wardrobe last year which consisted of more new wave type clothes and hair meticulously cut by some beauty salon.

Faulkner's first act onstage was to display the set list for the night and state, "If you want us to deviate from this, just let us know. Ok?" About halfway into the set, Faulkner smiled at the crowd and ripped up the list in favor of playing requests and

whatever the band felt like playing. Faulkner continued at this level throughout the night, trying to keep in touch with his audience.

Despite the band's minor technical problems (Faulkner broke two strings in the first three songs and drummer Mark Kingsmill broke the head of his snare drum late in the evening) the Gurus played a varied set. The songs alternated between their

new heavy feedback-oriented sounds of *Mars Needs Guitars* and their more lyrical, clear sounds of their first album, *Stoneage Romeos*. The crowd also alternated between yawning during some new songs and dancing viciously during "I Want You Back."

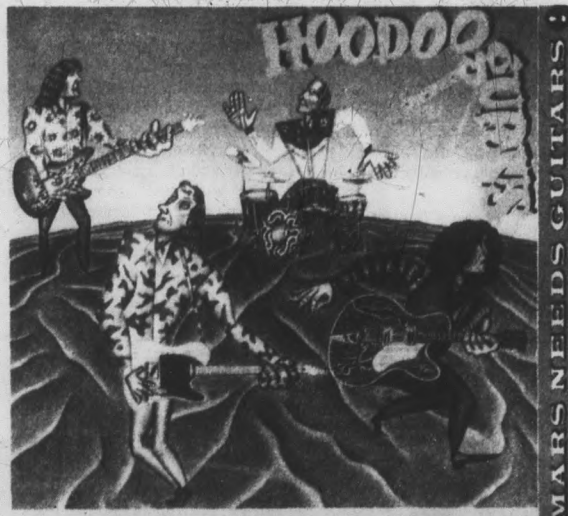
The 9:30 Club crowd was looking more to dance to songs from the first album than the new material. Some Hoodoo Gurus

fans looked almost astonished to hear so much feedback and distortion from Brad Sheperd's guitar. Some people actually left the club in seeming fits of rage when Sheperd took the lead vocals for the title cut from the new album which could be considered a minor heavy metal hit. People were shocked to hear such a sound from the band.

Perhaps because the Hoodoo Gurus are from Down Under they deserve some compassion and understanding. It must be hard to produce a quality sound when tourists constantly inquire, "Do you know Mel Gibson?"

The band does have talent. Dave Faulkner is really a witty writer but the band's new, pseudo heavy metal sound obscures his abilities, which is an ominous sign that the band may be on a downward trend to obscurity instead of an upward trend to fame and fortune.

Their 65 minute set displayed that the band is on the edge of falling into the dark abyss of heavy metal. The crowd tried to pull the Gurus back by shouting for and dancing to the group's earlier material. Only their next stop in D.C. will prove if the crowd last week had any effect on their direction.





# Science Update



## Air Bags optional on some 1986 Fords

by Christopher Cuddy

The Ford Motor Company has announced it will soon offer air bags as an optional safety feature on a line of its compact cars. It will be the first time that air bags have been available to the general public on American made cars since the mid-1970's.

Meanwhile, Mercedes-Benz said it will install automatic crash bags in all of its 1986 cars sold in the United States. The company had previously offered the bags as an option on some models but this announcement makes them the first automaker to standardize the safety bag feature. According to a company spokesman, all 90,000 of the Mercedes sold in the United States next year will be equipped with air bags on the driver's side.

Sources at Ford said the bags will be installed on the driver's side of the four-door Tempo and Mercury Topaz models. A spokesman said that of the 30,000 Tempo and Topaz models sold annually, 1,000 cars a month will be equipped with the air bag. The spokesman said, "We think will meet the demand."

The air bag, which inflates upon impact to protect an occupant in the event of a crash, has been favored by safety advocates but generally resisted by Detroit on the grounds of cost. General Motors has argued that buyers were not willing to pay for the air bags on the basis of a 1974, 1975 and 1976 test program. It cited that of the two car lines offering air bags as options during these years, only one half of one percent sold were so equipped.

The trend towards smaller cars during recent years, resulting in part from the fuel shortage, has caused safety specialists to speculate whether a popularity of the bags might arise. It is agreed by both car manufacturers and safety experts that the risk of

sustaining injuries in a smaller car are much greater than in a larger car involved in a comparable collision. The assumption is that the American car-buying public might recognize the value of such a device.

Ford has not disclosed the cost of the air bags installed in production cars; however, the 5,000 Federal government and 2,400 private fleet cars equipped with air bags list its cost at \$815 each.

The bag is inserted inside the steering column and linked to a sensing unit which inflates the 26-inch diameter, plastic covered bag in 1/25th of a second in reaction to a collision. The bag holds the driver in place until the vehicle comes to a halt and then deflates. Apparently, passenger side bags have been omitted due to the possibility of injury resulting to a child riding in front of a bag designed to restrict adults. The bags do not protect against side collisions or roll-overs, but a noticeably high percentage of fatal injuries occur in head-on collisions.

A Ford official said the company offered safety bags as an option about 15 years ago but discontinued them due to insufficient consumer response. The decision to make safety bags standard in the near future will be determined by the number of buyers who order them as options.

The air bag is a proven safety device. Yet, its acceptance has been more drawn out than even the safety belt. Ford has taken a step in the right direction but one would hope that other car manufacturers will soon recognize the potential lives to be saved by this simple device and follow Mercedes' precedent by installing air bags as standard equipment on all its cars. No well-informed car manufacturer should equate a life or limb with \$815.

## Halley's Watch: It's here!

by Christopher Cuddy

Halley's Comet has arrived. After much ado, amidst an abundance of advertising, Halley's comet may now be seen with binoculars and even the naked eye.

The best viewing, astronomically, began over the weekend and will continue to improve as the comet gears for its closest approach to the Earth (58 million miles) on Nov. 27. Viewing conditions depend greatly on the weather; the sky must be clear and dark. The surrounding lights of a city leaves city and even suburb gazers with a slim chance of seeing the comet with even the most powerful binoculars. The comet should be visible at about 9 p.m. through North America and most of the world except in the southern-most latitudes.

Skilled observers say Halley's appears about half the size of the moon with the use of binoculars and is two to three times as bright as expected. The comet is still 72 million miles from Earth, beyond

the orbit of Mars, traveling towards the sun at a speed of 69,500 mph.

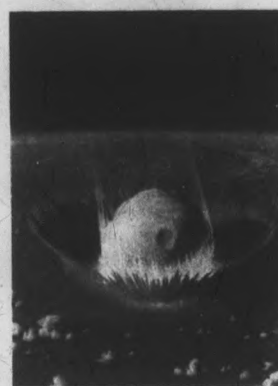
Ironically, the view of the comet will be obscured by moonlight during its pass closest to the Earth. The next two prime observing periods are Dec. 8-13 and Jan. 4-6 for the inbound leg of its journey.

### Comet Facts:

- The United States Naval Observatory (653-0258) has received over 18,000 phone calls since September for up-to-date comet information and expects to install additional lines to meet the increased demand.

- On Nov. 26, PBS will broadcast an hour-long program entitled "Comet Halley". More than 300 planetariums, including the National Air and Space Museum, have also booked the feature "Comet Halley: Once in a Lifetime."

- Comet viewing, according to a



Artist's rendition of a comet colliding with a planet.

professor at Franklin and Marshall College is "the wrong reason to buy a telescope. If you want to see Halley's Comet, buy a set of binoculars." He recommends a 7 x 35 or, even better, 7 x 50 magnification which provide the wide view more suited to comet chasing.



### Book Review

*Comet*; by Carl Sagan and Ann Druyan  
Random House, Fall of 1985, \$24.95

Millions upon millions of Americans will be transfixed by Halley's Comet as it appears in our skies this fall for the first time in 73 years.

COMET will be the definitive aesthetic, educational and commemorative artifact of the historic 1985-86 apparition of Halley's Comet, a book to be read and treasured.

Written by Pulitzer Prize-winning astronomer Carl Sagan and his longtime collaborator and co-author Ann Druyan, COMET is the long-awaited, equally spectacular companion to the book's successful Cosmos.

Featuring:  
• More than 100 dazzling illustrations, most in full color—dozens of which have been especially commissioned for COMET from the greatest astronomical artists of our time.  
• Flip movie that makes the actual motion of Halley's Comet come to life.

Four-color printing throughout, 8 1/2" x 10", more than 100 pages.

From the forthcoming book, COMET, by Carl Sagan and Ann Druyan to be published by Random House in the fall of 1985. 1985 by Carl Sagan and Ann Druyan. Six-figure first printing, \$24.95.

## Carl Sagan's tale of the Comet

by Todd Hawley

This holiday season will indeed be cheery for the science-related publishing industry. The arrival of Comet Halley (pronounced like valley) was perfectly timed for book-buying gift-givers, and doubtless the best selling of these works will be *Comet*. Seventy-five years have passed since the most famous of comets last approached the inner solar system, and renowned science author Carl Sagan and his longtime collaborator Ann Druyan have written the companion book to *Cosmos*, hoping that public interest will again be high for this visit. In a 300-page book graced with over 300 illustrations, the authors have compiled *Comet*, a hard-back tome that may be called the definitive popular book on Comet Halley for its 1985-1986 return.

But *Comet* does not only deal with Comet Halley; instead it discusses the history of cometary science and addresses humanity's fascination with these visitors from deep space. From early, pre-historic depictions of cometary visits to a rousing fictional trip as a passenger aboard a comet, Sagan and Druyan bring these "dirty

snowballs" to life amidst spectacular art and prose. Among the best art is *Comet's* stunning cover and other artistic contributions by Canadian astronomical artist Jon Lomberg, as well as

### 'Comet will not visit these parts again until 2061.'

several masterworks by Japan's Kazuaki Iwasaki and American artist Don Davis.

This book is a vivid tool for initiating the average person to an understanding of comets, their origin and their impact on the Earth. Did you know that comets were blamed for the deaths of ceasars and kings, were thought to be messengers of God and the devil, and are today considered likely suspect in the disappearance of the dinosaurs? Read *Comet* by Sagan and Druyan to learn these facts and more. At the very least you will be able to appreciate the global headlines of this winter and spring that will not visit these parts again until 2061.



# Science Update

## Bison Hunting season returns

by Christopher Cuddy

For the first time in nearly 100 years, hunters will have an open season to kill the bison, the majestic symbol of the U.S. Department of the Interior that roamed the Plains in the millions before being driven to the brink of extinction in the late 1800's.

The public hunt is organized by the National Park Service in an attempt to prevent the spread of brucellosis, a disease infecting several herds that causes the bovines to abort their young. Beginning Dec. 1, 100 names will be selected from a lottery permitting the hunters to slaughter the animals which stray from their refuge in Yellowstone National Park into Montana.

The Park Service has acted in response to the growing concerns of local ranchers and wildlife groups who fear the bison's disease could spread to the local livestock and cause financial ruin for the ranchers. Federal officials of Yellowstone felt it better to kill 100 bison on the park's northern boundary than attempt to eradicate the disease and risk endangering the entire Yellowstone herd, now 2,000 strong.

Although everyone agrees

further spread of the disease must be prevented, the State Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks along with several Montana residents are opposed to the public hunt. "I can't see why anyone would want to shoot a bison," said Leonard Sargent, a rancher in Gardiner Montana, just north of the park. Wild bison behave much like cattle, showing no fear of humans. Similarly, Ed Francis, who owns a ranch where most of the bison stray, said a hunted bison "just stands there and dies—it's no sport."

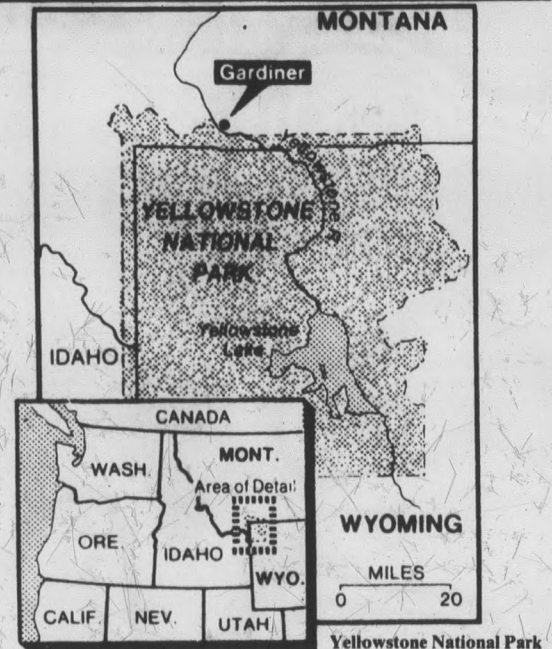
The suggested alternative to allowing hunters to kill the bison is that the killing be done by professionals rather than hunters. Such a controlled hunt was conducted successfully last year at the request of the state veterinarian. Eighty-eight bison were killed. However, the state wildlife agency contends that assuring proper disposal of the contaminated animals was a logistical nightmare. Although many hunters are expected to use the bison for its meat and hide, wildlife officials say the brucellosis can be passed on to humans only if the meat is not properly cooked.

State wildlife officials contend that their involvement with the bison has come about because of

the Park Service is not accepting responsibility for the animals. They claim their attempts of containing the animals within the park have been expensive, time-consuming and often fruitless. "We drove them back into the park with helicopters and trucks in the afternoon, and they were back by evening," said Jerry Wells, assistant director of the State Wildlife Agency.

The problem of herd population control has been a concern only in recent years. During the 1800's, only several hundred wild bison existed and found shelter in the dense forests of Yellowstone Park. Without laws to protect them, poachers soon reduced the bison's number to 25. Beginning in 1902, the Park began ranching bison until the 1950's until the herd size reached a more natural size of several thousand.

Park officials suggest that the disease affecting the bison today may be an important natural regulator of the herd's size. In keeping with the National Park Service's policy, they wish to avoid interfering with the park's natural processes as much as possible. Consequently, the hunt remains the most favored method short of waiting for nature to take its toll.



The application deadline for the bison hunt ended Nov. 15 with more than 16,000 requests received, to the surprise of state officials. Once a stray animal wanders over the northern park boundary, the first person on the list will be called. The hunter will be guided by a state game warden and allowed 36 hours to shoot the

bison.

This particular solution of controlling the spreading disease may have some hidden benefits. Not only is the state saving time and manpower by having the public help in disposing of the bison, but, hunt licenses are \$200 for Montana residents and a healthy \$1,000 for non-residents.

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## Law prof is new Takoma Pk. mayor

by Joe McLaughlin  
Hatchet Staff Writer

Stephen J. DelGuidice, a professor at GW's National Law Center, will be sworn in as mayor of Takoma, Park, Md. tonight in a ceremony at 8 p.m. He was elected on Nov. 5, defeating incumbent Sammie Abbott by a seven-vote margin.

DelGuidice first became involved in Takoma Park politics in 1982 as a member of Citizens for a Referendum to Unite Takoma Park. He helped lobby the state Legislature for legislation to border the city, which is on the border of Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

DelGuidice later served for two years as an advisor to the City Council's Traffic Committee, and helped draft the waiver provisions to the city's Nuclear Free Zone ordinance which allows the city to purchase some products from nuclear weapons producers. This move was prohibited under the original ordinance.

DelGuidice ran with the endorsement of three out of seven of the City Council members. In addition to the Nuclear Free Zone ordinance, the City Council has voted in the past to make Takoma Park a sanctuary for illegal aliens and has come out on record

against aid to the U.S.-backed contras in Nicaragua.

Although DelGuidice expressed support for these measures, he criticized Mayor Abbott for his "lack of decorum" and "abusive manner" at Council meetings, which he described as "free-for-alls" with "no one really in control of the discussion or the debate."

DelGuidice felt that "local problems" such as traffic congestion and development of the "Takoma Old Town" area near the city's Metro station were "dealt with in a rather haphazard manner, and a lot of the 'quality time' was spent dealing with larger issues of national and international significance." As an example, he cited the meeting at which the amendments to the Nuclear Free Zone ordinance were discussed. The first three hours were spent debating the amendments while 23 items remained on the agenda for consideration.

At 34, DelGuidice has been a clinical lecturer at the law school since 1980. A Rhode Island native, he earned a Bachelor's and Master's degree in history before moving to Takoma Park in 1976 to attend Antioch School of Law in D.C.

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# STARs offer views of GW

by James Alterman  
Hatchet Staff Writer

GW has some STARs in its midst.

Student Admissions Representatives (STARs) are students who volunteer their time every semester for GW's Undergraduate Admissions office and explain various facets of the school to potential GW students.

GW STARs do everything from telephoning prospective high school seniors around the nation to answer various questions, to actually traveling with Admissions Office personnel to meet applicants in their hometowns. Bill Perez, assistant director of Volunteer Programs for GW Admissions, said, "Basically, there are five programs that STARs may participate in."

Annually, an average of 30-60

students participate in the various STAR programs. The programs include: on-campus presentations with parents and students, off-campus visits to hometowns of STAR volunteers, telephone calling to prospective GW candidates all over the country who want more information about the University, and GW alumni programs designed to let GW grads fill in for the Admissions office when it is more convenient for the former to do so.

"When you consider the cost of college these days," said Perez, "you realize that college is becoming more consumer-oriented." STARs is concerned with "who's purchasing that product."

"It's easier to get a better impression of GW from the student," said STAR Paul

Barkett who is in his third year at GW. "When the students get here for a visit they ask, 'Where's the green space. Is there any grass, any trees on campus?'"

They occasionally ask if we have any sports like football. Barkett tells them that "GW still has school spirit with other team sports on campus like basketball." Barkett said the four most popular questions are about "housing and food quality, the size of the average class, extra-curricular activity opportunities and the nightlife."

Barkett explains that he is having a good time and that he thinks the STAR program is working. He thinks STAR is important because if students are unpleasantly surprised when they get here "it reflects poorly on the University."

Jim Mack, a sophomore who participates as a GW STAR, was pleased when he was asked last month to accompany some GW Admissions staffers back to his hometown of Boston. There, he participated in the Admissions Office's off-campus visit program where parents and prospective students direct questions to STARs like Mack to get the student's perspective on various concerns.

"Mostly, they ask about the social life," he said, "you know, dorm life and academic life, too. They are primarily concerned with the social life they'll have when

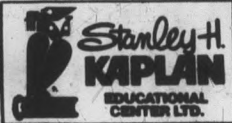
they get here."

STARs are selected from recommended students. Perez asks the heads of the various departments for names of students they believe would be good ambassadors for the program. The students are then contacted by Perez and those interested attend an initial one-hour meeting. A two-hour training period follows at a later time where trainees are taught not to make snap judgments about candidates and are quizzed on their knowledge of the school. After this session, students become STARs.



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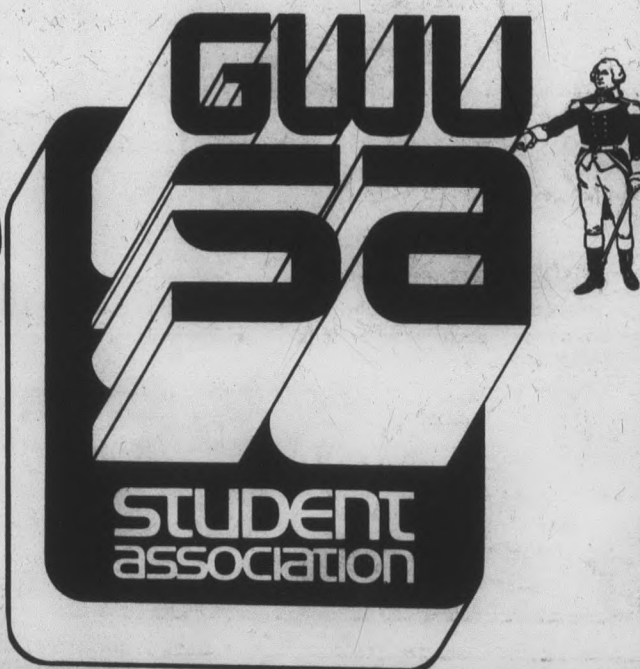
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## Cox happy with meet

### MEN'S SWIM, from p. 24

timer had Delaware 1/1200 of a second faster than the Colonials, whose season record fell to 0-3.

Despite the loss, GW Head Coach Carl Cox was pleased with his squad's performance. "We swam a fantastic meet," said Cox. "We won most of the events and it came down to the final relay. We were two evenly matched teams. I've been lucky in the past in getting those close wins—but not today."

The Colonials took first place in the 100, 200, 500, and 1000-meter freestyle events, the 200-meter individual medley and the three meter diving competition. Kawut finished first in both the 100 and 200-meter freestyle events. Other first place finishes were recorded by Joe O'Rourke, Hawes, Jerry O'Rourke and freshman diver Kamil Salah.

Aside from the fact that the Colonials are now 0-3, Cox feels this is his best team ever. "This is the best season I've ever had at

GW," said Cox, "And we're now 0-3. Without a doubt this is my best team ever. They're exciting and they're working hard. Every meet they go out and lower their times."

GW's hard luck so far this season is due primarily to injuries. They are struggling to overcome

the loss of top swimmers Peter Madden and Carroll Mann, who are both suffering from shoulder injuries. The Colonials also have other regular swimmers who have incurred various injuries, leaving Cox with a makeshift lineup.

But if injuries are the Colonial's problem, Cox won't admit to it.

He'd rather not make excuses. Instead, he'd rather praise his team for its effort. And he remains optimistic about his squad.

"We are going to have a winning season," said Cox. "This is the best team I've ever had. These guys are gutsy, they're phenomenal and they will win."

## Relay win proves big

### WOMEN'S SWIM, from p. 24

with the Blue Hens. But, GW's Claire Baikawaskas, Holly Miller, Jeannette Koefoed and Debbie Stone turned in a time of 3:44.57 to beat their opponent in the event and win the meet.

GW took several first and second place finishes en route to the victory. Koefoed and Baikawaskas finished first and second in the 100-meter freestyle race, Liz Wilson and Pam Harms placed first and second in the 200-meter backstroke and Stone and Denise Dombay took first and second in the 500-meter freestyle, respectively.

In winning these events, GW found itself with a comfortable 10 point lead before the Blue Hens whittled away at that margin and knotted the score. GW's decisive

victory came in the relay that gave the Lady Colonials a record of 2-1.

Mauro felt her team swam very well against a Delaware squad that heavily outnumbered the host team. "Our team has 10 swimmers and Delaware has 28," said Mauro. "We were tired but we swam very well today. For us to beat them was quite an accomplishment. I was real pleased with them."

The victory is the second straight for the Colonials. They trounced Atlantic 10 rival Temple, 88-27, last week and are improving with each meet, said Mauro.

"Our times keep getting better," said Mauro. "That's pretty good for this far in the season and I'm happy with that."

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# Sports

## Kuester gets first victory as GW sends Aussies down under

by Rich Katz  
and Mike Maynard  
Hatchet Staff Writers

GW rookie coach John Kuester registered his first GW victory last night in a 104-91 thrashing of the Brisbane (Australia) Bullets at the Smith Center.

Unfortunately for GW, the win is only recorded in the exhibition win column. But if the Colonials play as they did last night, Foggy Bottom could be in for an unexpected success story.

The exceptional showing against the Bullets made Kuester's GW coaching debut a rousing success.

"I was pleased with the effort of [guard Joe] Dooley and Troy Webster as usual," said Kuester. "Kenny Barer and Chester Wood did some nice things too."

Dooley, pressed into a starting role because of a regular point guard Mike O'Reilly's sore achilles heel, put the Colonials ahead to stay, 14-10, at the 15:04 mark of the first half. GW's aggressiveness on both ends of the court resulted in 24 Bullet turnovers and allowed the Colonials an unrelinquished lead.

Determination was contagious throughout the entire Colonial roster. In one sequence in the first half, with GW ahead 44-33, Dooley broke up a Bullet outlet pass, diving over the outside press table. He saved the ball from going out of bounds with an over-the-head toss to Webster. The 6'4" senior converted Dooley's hustling heroics into a three-point play.

Senior Steve Frick and Barer, a sophomore, scored 18 points apiece while senior Wood added 15 points in a reserve role. Frick's scoring contribution came in just 20 minutes of action. Barer started his first game ever at GW and connected on nine of 15 field goal attempts.

Kuester owes a great deal of his unblemished coaching record at GW to the stellar contributions of two rookies.

"Moti Daniel is an excellent player and played with control. Brian Royal is a gamer and played and battled hard," said Kuester. "Both young guys played extremely well."

Daniel, a first-year forward and a native of Holon, Israel, connected on all five of his field goal attempts for 10 points in a starting role. Royal, a rookie reserve, made the most of his 23 minutes of court time with eight points and a team-high six rebounds. The 6'6" forward may be the answer to what many consider to be a weak rebounding squad.

GW's lead reached 27 points with 10:57 remaining in the game. The Bullets mounted a comeback attempt with a 17-3 run to close the gap to 93-83 with 3:22 left on the clock. Two baskets by Wood and a tip-in by Royal thwarted all hopes of a Bullet comeback.

"We played hard for 30 minutes but it was warm and hot and we didn't continue to play the way we had," Kuester said.



Colonial rookie Brian Royal goes up for two of his eight points last night.

## Spikers triumph; end season at 22-12 mark

*Wins over G'town, Virginia Tech give GW momentum into A-10 tourney*

The GW volleyball team closed out its regular season this weekend by beating crosstown rival Georgetown University Friday night in five games and whipping Virginia Tech Saturday in straight games at the Smith Center.

Friday night's game against Georgetown was an emotional battle. GW Head Coach Pat Sullivan explained that every match with the Hoyas ranks as "one of the most emotional" matches of the season.

The match went to five games, a duplicate of an earlier contest this season with Georgetown. The opponent has a lot of physical talent, but like their Foggy Bottom counterparts, sometimes has trouble putting things all together. "We are organized, we're steady, and we tend to make fewer errors than the others — teams," said Sullivan.

That's what the Colonials did. After falling behind in games 2-1, the Colonials took the final two

games 15-6, 15-9 winning the match and the game.

Saturday's contest was more of an open and shut match. Senior Michelle Knox upped her hitting percentage to .468 as she managed 13 kills and four block assists. Karen Thomas, like Knox playing in her final regular season game, led the team with 18 assists and 10 kills which no Virginia Tech player could touch. The Colonials won all three games with relative ease.

The wins boosted GW's season

record to 22-12, the eighth consecutive season in which the squad has posted 20 or more wins in a season. Sullivan and the team now look ahead to this weekend's Atlantic-10 Conference championship at West Virginia University. Their first opponent will be Temple. Sullivan said the Colonials are improved in confidence as well as skill, and the best news is that "we still haven't peaked," said Sullivan.

-Michael Maynard

### SCOREBOARD

#### RESULTS

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

GW 104  
Brisbane 91

#### MEN'S SWIMMING

Delaware 59  
GW 53

#### WOMEN'S SWIMMING

GW 61  
Delaware 52

#### VOLLEYBALL

GW 3  
Georgetown 2

GW 3  
Virginia Tech 0

#### EVENTS

Men's swimming vs. Georgetown University, Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Smith Center.

## GW swim meets end with day's final relay

### Women swimmers nip U. of Delaware

by Lew Klessel  
Hatchet Staff Writer

The GW women's swimming team won the decisive final relay event and defeated a "tough" University of Delaware squad, 61-52, Saturday at the Smith Center.

"Our swimmers were very tired coming into the final event," said GW head coach Pam Mauro. "They [Delaware] are a very tough team and we did a nice job in beating them."

Going into the final event, the Colonial women found themselves locked in a 52-52 tie

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GW swimmers held their breath until the decisive final relay event in both the men's and women's meets.

### Blue Hens edge GW by 1/1200 second

by Lew Klessel  
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In a meet that was decided in the final event, an injury-plagued GW men's swimming team missed a victory by falling to the University of Delaware, 59-53, Saturday at the Smith Center.

Going into the final relay, GW led 53-52, and all eyes turned to the Colonial quartet of Jerry O'Rourke, David Kawut, Joe O'Rourke and Captain Shane Hawes. Delaware and GW battled it out evenly from the start and both sides finished with a time of 3:17. However, the electronic

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